

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Ground Water Department – Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist, Office of the Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad - Allegations of submission of false report to the Mandal Revenue Officer, Malkajgiri, with the connivance of the residents of Indusagar Apartments, Malkajgiri in digging bore wells and providing water harvesting pit – Departmental action under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Initiated – Minor penalty of withholding one annual grade increment without cumulative effect – Awarded – Orders – Issued.

IRRIGATION AND COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT (SER.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 182

Dated: 23-02-2013.

Read the following:-

- 1) Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad orders 10.12.2007 in Complaint No.1239/2005/B2.
- 2) Govt.Memo.No.2915/Ser.VI-1/2008-1, dated 10.03.2008.
- 3) Memo.No.3135/EI(4)/2008, dated 18.04.2008 of the Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad.
- 4) From Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist, Ground Water Department, Sangareddy, written statement of defence, dated 28.04.2008.
- 5) Proceedings No.3135/EI(4)/08, dated 21.05.2008 of the Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad.
- 6) From the Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad, Letter No.3135/EI(4)/2010, dated 23.07.2012.
- 7) Govt.Memo.No.2915/Ser.VI-1/2008-25, dated 26.09.2012.
- 8) From Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist representation, dated 11.12.2012.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, while closing the Complaint No.1239/2005/B2 under Rule 5 (8) of the A.P. Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta (Invn.) Rules, 1984, have directed for undertaking regular departmental enquiry against the Public Servant i.e. Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist, Office of the Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad, and taking action basing on the result of such enquiry.

2. In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad was requested to take necessary action for initiation of departmental action against Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist, Office of the Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad by framing charges against him and to cause a regular inquiry strictly in accordance with the provisions of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 immediately, and to furnish the Inquiry Report of the Inquiring Authority to the Government, vide reference 2nd cited. Accordingly, the Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 by way of issuing Articles of Charges vide reference 3rd read above.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist has submitted his written statement of defence. The Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad has examined the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officer and appointed Sri T. Goverdhan, Deputy Director (H), Kurnool as Enquiry Officer to conduct a regular departmental enquiry against Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist and Sri V. Radha Krishna Rao, Administrative Officer, O/o. Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority before the Enquiry Officer vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad has forwarded the Enquiry Report of Sri T. Goverdhan, Enquiry Officer & Deputy Director (H), Ground Water Department, Hyderabad, for taking necessary action in the matter. The Enquiry Officer in his inquiry report held that both charges framed against the Charged Officer are not established.

5. After careful examination of the findings of the Enquiry Officer, Government have decided to deviate with the findings of the Enquiry Officer and accordingly, while enclosing a copy of the Inquiry Report of the Inquiring Authority along with disagreement factors, Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist was directed to submit his representation if any vide reference 7th read above.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist has submitted representation, stating among other things that in his report, categorically mentioned after inspection that the ground water is poorly developed as the aquifer system nearby vicinity of Malkajgiri is poorly developed. Hence the question of giving a false report with hand in glove with residence of said apartment residents would not rise at all. He was asked to inspect the said premises to submit a report as per WALTA Act. As the bore wells were dug in 2000 itself and it was well within the knowledge of Mandal Revenue Officer and same thing is also reflected in his report, and as per WALTA Act there is no law of regulation in regulating the domestic bore wells. There is a reference of rain water harvesting pit and rain harvesting and these two aspects were examined during his inspection and accordingly a truthful report has been submitted. He has, therefore, requested to drop further proceedings.

7. After careful examination of the matter, it has been observed that A.P. WALTA Act 2002 came into effect on 19.04.2002 and not in 2004 as contended by the Charged Officer. Residents of the apartment complex held an emergency meeting on 17.03.2002 and resolved to drill two bore holes. Till such time water was being stored in a sump constructed for the purpose by getting water tankers and pumped to the over head tank. This clearly indicates that the sump was constructed with a solid base for storing water. That it was used as harvesting pit by connecting rain water pipes is preposterous. Therefore, the Charged Officer has furnished an incomplete / false report. Therefore, it has been decided to impose a penalty of withholding one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist for furnishing an incomplete / false report. Accordingly, Government hereby award the penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, formerly Assistant Hydrogeologist, Office of the Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad and presently working in the office of the Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Sangareddy, Medak District.

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8. The Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.J. Narayana Reddy, Assistant Hydrogeologist, Office of the Deputy Director, Ground Water Department, Sangareddy, Medak District through Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad.

The Director, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

The Accountant General (A & E), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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